



A Message from the President:

Hello, Dear Sisters,

My goodness, we are already into the month of February! I thought it would be nice to do a year-to-date review. When put on paper we have accomplished the following:

1. Provided a Grant to a First Year Teacher
2. Donation for Books for Wildwood Park Science/Nature Program
3. Logos Academy Scholarship
4. Bus Passes for several groups
5. Made No Tie Blankets for the Veterans
6. Donation to A Soldiers Hand
7. Socktober – sock collection for Veterans
8. Bingo at Paxton Ministries - gift cards and donated handmade hats for all participants.
9. Millerstown 'Reading to the Gnomes'
10. Monthly food / & other items donated to Silence of Mary Charity and Just for Today Veterans Recovery Program
11. Breakfast for students and Faculty at Trinity Preschool and reading hour
12. Gift wrapping for Veterans of JFT



Wow! Seeing these projects in print brings a realization of the scope of our reach. The challenge now becomes to continue this fantastic work! Think of the number of people we have already helped. This could not have been accomplished without the hard work you, as members of Altrusa of South Central PA, do during our Peanut Butter Krispie Egg fundraiser. Without your willingness to give your time and effort, we could not have the great outreach in our communities. Speaking of eggs, we have another session starting on Monday, January 29 at 5:00 pm with the mixing of egg batter.

Thanks to everyone for your help and participation!

Happy Valentines Day!!

~Ann Tyndall, President



SOUTH CENTRAL PA CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

A Holiday Visit to Trinity Preschool

On Thursday, December 7th, Bobbi, Brenda, Kathy, and Deb visited Trinity Preschool in Harrisburg to drop off donations and to have a breakfast and reading event for the children. Our club donated school supplies and food, which the staff were very grateful for. We also donated some of Marsha's handmade hats, which the children loved. The morning started with a breakfast of turkey sausage, toaster pancakes, bananas, and orange juice. After everyone had their fill of breakfast, the Altrusans read to the children.

The children really enjoyed the morning, and 3 little girls asked Deb "can you stay longer?" We hope to do more events like this with Trinity Preschool in the future. We also have considered donating a toaster oven, as Bobbi noticed that the school does not have one to cook the toaster breakfasts they serve.



Deb Flage reads to two of the students and their teacher at Trinity Preschool.

Hosting District Two Conference 2026

We have received news from Sue Miller that Altrusa International of Reading-Berks has agreed to help us co-host District Two Conference in 2026. This is a big help, but it will still take all of us to make District Two Conference 2026 a success.

President Ann's Challenges to the Club

As our new year begins, President Ann has presented the club with two challenges. The first challenge is to invite a potential member to our meeting on March 5th, at the Perkins Restaurant. The second challenge is to give your time to our annual Peanut Butter Krispie Egg fundraiser. Remember, the more we earn, the more people we can help. Also, we have been lucky enough in the past to earn enough that we do not have to do other fundraising.



Well Wishes for Anneke

On January 5th, Anneke underwent a total knee replacement operation. The surgery was a success, but Anneke has a long road to recovery. She is currently dealing with a lot of pain, and the physical therapy is rough, but she is getting better every week. Anneke says that she misses us all, and she thanks us for cards and flowers that our club members sent her. We wish Anneke a speedy recovery, and we look forward to her return to in person activities.

Prayers for Bobbi

After months of being on a heart monitor, Bobbi has received news that she will need a pacemaker implanted to treat her heart condition. Bobbi is very relieved to have some answers, and her pacemaker implantation procedure has been scheduled for February 16th. Please keep Bobbi in your prayers.

February General Meeting

As a reminder, our February general meeting will be held Saturday, February 3rd. We will meet at Summerdale United Methodist Church. Coffee will be provided, but you must bring your own breakfast. We will resume Tuesday evening meetings with our March 5th meeting, weather permitting.

Peanut Butter Krispie Eggs Fundraiser

Bobbi would like to thank all the Altrusans and volunteers who came to our first Peanut Butter Krispie Egg making session, as well as those who gave her rides and ran errands for her. We made 212 dozen eggs at our first session. In addition, we made 91 dozen Butter Cream and Coconut Cream eggs at a special mini session that was held on Monday, January 22nd. Bobbi thanks those that came to that session and helped us make those eggs. Our remaining Peanut Butter Krispie Egg sessions are as follows:

- Session #2: January 29th (mixing from 4:30 – 8:00 pm),
January 31, February 1, 2
- Session #3: February 21, 22, 23
- Session #4: March 13, 14, 15
- Extra Session (if necessary): March 20, 21

Egg orders for the second session are due by no later than Monday, January 29th. As always, all Altrusans are asked to help with egg making whenever you are able, and everyone is encouraged to bring friends. Don't forget that Bobbi will need help with deliveries and transportation as well.

Monthly Food Drive

Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to our February general meeting for our monthly food drive. February's donations will go to Silence of Mary home. Individual and full-size items are both acceptable. Anyone who purchased items to donate to the Veterans in January may bring their items to any egg session.



Anneke and Bobbi dipping eggs at a session in our first year at Summerdale United Methodist Church in 2022.

Donations to Just for Today

As part of our ongoing project, Marsha and Brenda dropped off several boxes of items at Just For Today, which included books for their library along with hygiene and cleaning products for the veterans and their families. They were very appreciative and said they enjoyed the eggs Marsha donated previously.

A Soldier's Hands

Bobbi requests that you please bring any star packets and cards for the deployed servicemen to any egg session. Trish Shallenberger has asked us to concentrate on the cards now for a while. More will be available anytime! In addition, Ann has asked everyone to bring their cards for the soldiers to our next general meeting on February 3rd.

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM DISTRICT TWO

District Two Workshop Series

Thank you to Brenda Ruby and Linda Dorr for their wonderful workshop presentation on January 16th and 18th. The workshop was called "Awards Applications – Why? How? What's New?" During this one-hour workshop, participants learned all about the changes to the major conference awards, including the Mamie L. Bass award. This workshop was the first in a series of three. The two remaining workshops are as follows:

- So, You're the Treasurer!: Monday, February 26th. Will be repeated on Wednesday, February 28th.
- ABC's of Parliamentary Procedures: Monday, March 4th. Will be repeated on Wednesday, March 6th.

For those who are interested in these workshops, the flyer can be also be found at the following link: <https://files.constantcontact.com/67cb6814501/7ec9f629-640a-4acf-9c0e-042aa7b434e1.pdf>. Additional information is available in the latest District Two Governor's message as well.

2023-2024 Cycle One Grant Winner in District Two

Congratulations to Altrusa International of Martinsville-Henry County, VA, for receiving a Foundation Cycle One Grant. The Martinsville-Henry County club will use the grant funds to expand on their Little Laundromat Library literacy project.

Thirty Years of Altrusa of Capital City, VA

Congratulations to Altrusa International of Capital City, Virginia on the 30th anniversary of their club, which was on October 11, 2023. We wish them many more years of service to their community.



See You at Conference!

District Two Conference

Save the date! Our District Two Conference will be April 25th – 28th, 2024. The Montgomery County, MD club is hosting, and the venue is the Holiday Inn College Park, located at 10000 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740. Updated information, including registration info and a brief schedule of events, is available on the District Two website under News and Events. Hotel registration is now open, and an email was recently sent out with a link to the hotel information. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy workshops, speakers, and visiting with your fellow Altrusans from District Two.

District Conference Awards

As a reminder, the deadline for District Conference Award submissions is approaching. We have already submitted for the Ann Ayer Yearbook Award. Our club is also submitting for the Mamie L. Bass Award, the Letha H. Brown/Betty S. Brooks Award, and the Irene Mardis Newsletter Award. The deadline was incorrectly reported in the January monthly news as January 31st. Per Brenda Ruby, the deadline for awards submissions is March 1st.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS

Altrusa International Convention 2025

Save the date! Altrusa International Convention 2025 will be held July 23rd – 26th, 2025 in Quebec City, Canada. The venue will be the Hilton Quebec. More details will be announced throughout the next year. Hotel information for the Convention is available on the District Two website under News and Events. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow Altrusans from around the world and enjoy workshops, guest speakers, and many more fun events.



Foundation Impact and Altrusa Compass

The latest edition of Foundation Impact was recently sent out via email. You can also find it at the following link: <https://files.constantcontact.com/67cb6814501/081e50a7-dc98-4ab9-9664-0788e718caa1.pdf>. There is also a new edition of the Altrusa Compass available. You can find the latest Altrusa Compass in your email or at the following link: <https://files.constantcontact.com/67cb6814501/7b888a17-d15e-4a59-a8c6-94a4403f1b7c.pdf>.

UN International Days in February

February 20th – World Day of Social Justice

ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHDAYS, AND UPCOMING MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Member Anniversaries:

Joe Ann Dillard – 22 Years

Member Birthdays

Marsha Pierich – February 16th

Kathy Seidl – February 29th

Upcoming Meetings and Activities at a Glance...

1. February General meeting: Saturday, February 3rd at 10:00 am. Bring your own breakfast. Coffee will be provided.
Location: Summerdale United Methodist Church. We will be preparing for our upcoming egg making session following the meeting.
Bring: A non-perishable food item for our food drive. This month's donations will go to Silence of Mary Home. Also, bring your cards for A Soldier's Hands, as we will be collecting those at the meeting.
2. Board Meeting: Thursday, February 15th at 6:30 pm. This will be a Zoom meeting.
3. Egg-making dates:
 - Session #2: January 29th (mixing from 4:30 – 8:00 pm), January 31, February 1, 2
 - Session #3: February 21, 22, 23
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“Wisdom is knowing what to do next. Skill is knowing how to do it. And virtue is doing it.”

– David Starr Jordan